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**From:** Cindy DeVall [cdevall@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2004 8:28 PM  
**To:** PGGEN  
**Subject:** Re: Genealogy

Dear Renee

Thanks for keeping those DeValls' in your mind. I would be very grateful if you could send me a copy of the record you found on Mary Addison DeVall. My father says he remembers relatives in the Nettleton area in conversations with his mom but the details are sketchy. I am really taking in everything I can find. Thanks again.

Cindy

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**From:** PGGEN  
**To:** 'Cindy DeVall'  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2004 10:33 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Genealogy

Dear Cindy,

I was working last night and found a document on a Mary Addison Devall in an unrelated file. It mentions a Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle DeVall from Nettleton, Mississippi. Would these be DeVall's from your family. It is a birth record for Mary Addison DeVall, who apparently was adopted by the Myrtle and Stella Conwell DeVall. It has Mary's birth mother listed. I don't know if these are relatives of yours, but if you are interested I would be glad to send you a copy of the document from the Notarial Archives in New Orleans.

Sincerely,

Renee Gautier/Hague  
Genealogy and Local History

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cindy DeVall [mailto:cdevall@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2004 8:35 PM  
**To:** PGGEN  
**Subject:** Re: Genealogy

Sherry

Thank you so... much for answering me so very quickly. This family genealogy has certainly got me hooked. I am a full time high school counselor and so I do my happy hunting every moment I get. I would really like to come and spend some days in your library to find all my loose DeVall connections. My address is

Cindy DeVall  
205 Olympic Dr.  
Lafayette, La. 70506

May I ask you if you could check in Mobile , Ala. 1850 Federal Census or 1855 State Census for William L. Truwit.

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He was married to a Harriet C. Richardson and they lived in Mobile with their family at 155 St. Louis and Conception St. and they are buried in the old Magnolia Cemetery. I do not have access to state census records and the 1850 Federal Census for Mobile is not available online thru any of my subscription services. He is the brother of my greatgreat grandmother, Mary Truitt Devall. She is the mother of Edmond Maclin Devall.

Also, my great grandfather was Edmond Maclin Devall of Jones Co., Ms. and my father tells me that he remembers hearing stories that Edmond was a state legislator in Miss. Edmond was a J.P. and Sheriff of Jones Co. from 1854 until around 1863. During the time of the "Free State of Jones" and Newt Knight. I assume he would have been a state legislator after that. He died in 1902 and is buried in the Ellisville Cemetery. He was married to Mary Jane Welborn who was the daughter of Joel E. Welborn who was the mayor of Shubuta, Ms. (Clarke Co). Would you have any way of finding out if Edmond was a state legislator. He was the father of Buford E. Devall who is mentioned in those newspaper articles you are sending me. Edmond is referred to in those excerpts as Hon. E.M. Devall and I always thought that title of Honorable referred to a judge, etc. Sherry, I would greatly appreciate any info you could help me with.

Thank you  
Cindy Devall

----- Original Message -----

**From:** PGGEN

**To:** [cldevall@bellsouth.net](mailto:cldevall@bellsouth.net)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2004 3:44 PM

**Subject:** Re: Genealogy

Dear Ms Devall:

I have located the newspaper articles that you requested, but will need your mailing address to send them to you. The library charges fifteen cents per page for copies, but doesn't charge a research fee for the time involved to honor such requests. If you would like to make a donation, you may add it to the copy costs and send check to Pascagoula Public Library, Genealogy Department, 3214 South Pascagoula Street, Pascagoula, MS 39567. Donations are always greatly appreciated. I have made 7 copies in all. I found a little "editorial" type comment about the theft on the same page as the first article that you requested and thought you might like to see it, also.

Since Jean and Ben Strickland's deaths, their son Jody has taken over the business. You may contact him about book purchases at Jody Strickland, 807 North Madden Street, Foreman, AR 71836, telephone (870) 542-7304..

I hope that this information will be helpful and that you will let us know if we may ever be of further assistance.

Sincerely,  
Sherry Owens  
Pascagoula Public Library  
Genealogy and Local History Department

6/10/2004

FOR: *NANCY BIBLE 588-9233*

STATE OF LOUISIANA )  
PARISH OF ORLEANS :  
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS )  
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MAX M. SCHAUMBURGER  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
621 WHITNEY BUILDING  
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

THE UNDERSIGNED, MAX M. SCHAUMBURGER, NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, hereby CERTIFIES: That there is of record and on file in his Notarial Archives, for the year 1933, under the NO. 1205, VOLUME X, a Notarial Act, which copied herewith, reads as follows:

"NO. 48664.- JUVENILE COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS.- APRIL 22, 1933.- APPROVED, JNO. D. NIX, SR., JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT.--- STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.- COUNTY OF LEE.- BEFORE ME, J. A. WIYGUL, JR., the undersigned Notary, PERSONALLY CAME AND APPEARED: MYRTLE De VALL and STELLA CONWELL De VALL, Wife of said Myrtle De Vall, both of lawful age and residents of this County and State, personally known to the undersigned Authority, who declared: That, availing themselves of the Laws of the State of Louisiana, and especially of the provisions of Act 46 of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana of 1932, that they have adopted and do by these presents adopt, as their own child, ESTHER KNIGHT, who was born at the MEMORIAL MERCY HOME, in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 27, 1932, the said child having been abandoned in the character of a foundling, to the care, custody, possession and guardianship of the Memorial Mercy Home, of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, by proper Act of Abandonment.

"THE said Appearers, Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle De Vall, declare that the said adopted foundling child is to be known hereafter as MARY ADDISON De VALL, and that she shall henceforth bear the said name and have and enjoy all the rights, advantages and privileges to which legitimate children are entitled, under the Laws of the State of Louisiana; and that the said adopted child, Mary Addison De Vall, shall to all intents and purposes be and is henceforth and hereon considered as if she had been their own child, and to treat her kindly, and to give her the benefit of a good moral education.

"IN EVIDENCE WHEREOF, all of said Appearers, together with me, Notary, and in the presence of the two undersigned competent witnesses, sign these presents.

"THUS DONE AND PASSED in my Notarial Office, in the County of Lee, State of Mississippi, on this the 22nd day of March, 1933.

"(ORIGINAL SIGNED):- MYRTLE De VALL.- STELLA CONWELL De VALL.- WITNESSES:- J. E. McDUFFY.- C. O. FARRAR.- -- J. A. WIYGUL, JR., NOTARY PUBLIC.

"NO. 48664.- APRIL 22, 1933.- APPROVED, JNO. D. NIX, SR., JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT, PARISH OF ORLEANS.

"STATE OF LOUISIANA.- PARISH OF ORLEANS.- CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.- BEFORE ME, the undersigned Authority, duly commissioned and qualified, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, PERSONALLY CAME AND APPEARED: THE MEMORIAL MERCY HOME, of this City, the guardian, and having the custody of the abandoned foundling child, duly authorized for this purpose, and represented herein by its duly empowered and authorized Representative: REV. JOHN G. SNELLING, and who, after having taken full cognizance of the foregoing Act of Adoption of ESTHER KNIGHT - to be known hereafter as MARY ADDISON De VALL - by MR. and MRS. MYRTLE De VALL, passed before J. A. WIYGUL, JR., Notary Public, for the County of Lee, State of Mississippi, declared that he fully understands the same, and the said Rev. J. G. Snelling, in his Representative capacity, as aforesaid, further stated that the said MEMORIAL MERCY HOME freely and voluntarily gives its consent and concurrence to the said adoption;

"AND IN EVIDENCE WHEREOF, the said Appearer, together with me, Notary, and in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, sign these presents.

"(ORIGINAL SIGNED):- MEMORIAL MERCY HOME.- BY: J.

CERTIFIED COPY  
OF NOTARIAL ACT

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G. SNELLING.- WITNESSES: OLGA LEINHARDT.- MRS. J.  
G. SNELLING.- SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME,  
THIS THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 1933.- MAX M. SCHAUM-  
BURGER, NOTARY PUBLIC.

"REGISTERED IN CONVEYANCE OFFICE BOOK NO. 471  
FOLIO 634 NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 26TH, 1933."

MAX M. SCHAUMBURGER  
NOTARY PUBLIC

I certify the foregoing to be a true  
and correct copy of the original  
which forms part of the records of  
my office.

DEC 5 1951  
New Orleans, La., 19

Notary Public

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OF NOTARIAL ACT

from SSDI

Ernestine Goff  
427-68-3189

B. 15 Nov 1915

d. 19 Aug 1996

iss. MS (1954)

Res. 39652

Magnolia, Pike  
Co. MS





CITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

810 Poydras Street

W. P. GARDINER, M.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH

October 23, 1951

Mr. & Mrs. Myrtle DeVall  
Route 1 Box 243  
Nettleton, Mississippi

Re: Mary Addison DeVall  
Esther Knight

*Daughter of Elsie Knight -  
of Pike Co. Miss.*

Dear Mr. & Mrs. DeVall:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 17th., enclosing a copy of adoption on the above named young lady. We are however, returning the adoption papers as under the laws of Louisiana, in order for this office to be in a position to change the original birth certificate which is on file in our office it will be necessary that we have the following:

A certified copy of the Decree of Adoption certified under the Acts of Congress and a Certificate of Live birth Form 19 A and certificate Form 40.

The enclosed Certificate of Live Birth must be filled in by black type-writer ribbon or black ink showing the adoptive name of the child the date and place (town) of birth (DO NOT SHOW THE NAME OF THE HOSPITAL IN WHICH BIRTH OCCURRED), and information pertaining to the adoptive parents. Items Nos. 10a, 12 and 16 refer to the adoptive parents and are to be answered as of the time of the child's birth and the certificate is to be signed by either of the adoptive parents under Item No. 18. Item No. 19 is to show actual date of their signature. Items Nos. 18 and 19 must be signed in black ink. Do not fill in the bottom of the certificate (Medical and Supplementary Data)

Form 40 a birth certificate in skeleton form must be signed by either of the adoptive parents. Please have it signed in BLACK INK on the line at the bottom of the certificate which we have marked with X. DO NOT FILL IN THE REST OF THE CERTIFICATE.

Upon receipt of these papers we are to remove the original birth certificate from our files and seal it with the adoption decree in an envelope, which remains a part of our confidential files. A new certificate is then issued in the child's Adoptive name. All documents pertaining to an adoption must remain as part of our permanent records, as they are needed to establish the correct identity of the child.

Upon receipt of these documents we shall give this matter our immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

*Elsie S. Henkel*  
Bureau of Vital Records

(Mrs) Elsie S. Henkel

Enclosures  
19 A Form 40

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS CERTIFIED COPY OF BIRTH RECORD NEW ORLEANS, LA.						
FULL NAME <b>Mary Addison DeVall</b>	DATE OF BIRTH MO. DAY YEAR <b>3 27 1932</b>	DOLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	SEX <b>Female</b>			
PLACE OF BIRTH <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>	DATE OF RECORDING MO. DAY YEAR <b>4 5 1932</b>	INDEX NO. <b>197/252</b>				
FATHER'S NAME <b>Myrtle DeVall,</b>	NATIVE OF <b>Mississippi</b>	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <b>Nancy Stella Conwill,</b>	NATIVE OF <b>Mississippi</b>			
ISSUED TO <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Myrtle DeVall</b> <b>Route 1 Box 243</b> <b>Nettleton, Mississippi</b>						

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF A RECORD DULY REGISTERED WITH THE NEW ORLEANS CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS.

*[Signature]*

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K 523 1910 ~~Saunders~~

Knight, Nat named ED 9 Shat 12 W 7/12 Covington Co.  
en/w George Knight as grandchild

Knight, A. E. Jr. (ED 38 Sh 18) W 62 Saunders  
M.E. W 58 AL

Francis E D 14 AL

Esther E. D 11 "

Knight, Benjamin K. (ED 98 Sh 18) W 43 ? Pike Co

one of two in Pike Co.  
1920 Saunders

Elmer B. W 33

Julius E. S 13

Della V D 8

Burford C S 6

Charley D. S 3

Oscar W S 1

Knight, Cuth (17-10) W 43 ? Covington Co.

George W 35

Wm S 17

Henry S 17

? Effie D 14

Ellen D 12

Matthew S 10

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Knight, W.G. Vol 48 ED 116 Sheet 21 line 85  
W 44 82. Pike Co. McComb,  
Louisiana Ave #647  
" Dara B W 37 MS  
" Sheldon S 15 LA

one of 2 in Pike Co. Ms  
1920 Sennex

Knight, Clarence Vol 48 ED 109 Sh. 23 line 3.  
B 40 MS Pike McComb  
Camp Carr Althea Central RR.  
not reported  
boarder

Knight, Homer Vol 2 ED 19 Sh 17 Line 33  
W 85 MS Anne

" Nellie H. W 20 MS  
Lela D 10 "  
Ethel D 85 "  
~~Hastane D 6~~ "  
Jennie D 5 "  
Wilson S 3 1/2 "  
Claudia S 1 9/10 "

Knight Gene B in Jones Co?





~~Thru Methodist~~ ~~Episcopal~~ in  
Jackson

Max M. Schaumburger  
atty  
Suite 621 Whitney Building  
New Orleans, LA

When sending the document to the Bureau of Vital  
Statistics of the City of New Orleans, you might  
mention that you have been informed by me  
that the original registration appears in  
Book 197, Folio 252 of the Birth Records  
for the Parish of New Orleans.

State of LA Dept of Health & Hospitals  
Office of Public Health  
P.O. Box 60630  
New Orleans, LA 70160

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FULL NAME Mary Addison DeVall		DATE OF BIRTH	MO. 3	DAY 27	YEAR 1932	COLOR OR RACE White	SEX Female
PLACE OF BIRTH NEW ORLEANS, LA.		DATE OF RECORDING	MO. 4	DAY 5	YEAR 1932	INDEX NO. 197/252	
FATHER'S NAME Myrtle DeVall,		NATIVE OF Mississippi		MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Nancy Stella Conwill,		NATIVE OF Mississippi	
ISSUED TO Mr. & Mrs. Myrtle DeVall Route 1 Box 243 Nettelton, Mississippi		I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF A RECORD DULY REGISTERED WITH THE NEW ORLEANS CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS.  Naomi M. Drake NAOMI M. DRAKE DEPUTY REGISTRAR ES					